



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Regulatory Division
CENAE-R-51

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Judy Lindsey
BTSP
Maine Dept. of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Ms. Lindsey:

This is in reference to your proposal to reconstruct Exit 113 on Interstate 95 ("I-95") at Augusta, Maine.

Based on presentations at several monthly interagency meetings with federal and state regulatory and resource agencies, we have determined that the basic project purpose of the project is to modify Exit 113 on Interstate 95 at Augusta, Maine to improve public safety, and the movement of goods and services by east-west traffic to/from State Routes 8, 11, and 27 (west of I-95) and State Route 3 (east of I-95). We will use this basic project purpose to analyze alternatives to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters and wetlands in order to comply with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jay Clement at 207-623-8367 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

Sincerely,

Jay L. Clement for
Jennifer L. McCarthy
Chief, Regulatory Division

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